

HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

OCTOBER 04, 2021

6:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

Mayor Shelby Wright

Councilor Eric Jarvi

Councilor Mark Cormier

Councilor Ivan McPike

Councilor Allen Esposito

Councilor Peter Erickson

Councilor Christine Cubberley

Paula Scott, Town Manager

Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk

Victor Smith, Public Works Director

Darcey Peakall, Lura Hoit Pool Director

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Councilor McPike made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded Councilor Cubberley, was amended to add Agenda item h. Lura Hoit Pool Mask Mandate Policy. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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C. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilor McPike moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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1. SIGNATURES

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

- a. 09/13/2021 Council Workshop Meeting
- b. 09/20/2021 Council Meeting

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Renewal Victualer's License – Hannaford Bros Co., LLC., dba Hannaford Supermarket & Pharmacy.
- b. Renewal Victualer's License – Energy North Inc., dba Tradewinds.

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- c. Renewal Victualer's License – Paul Stratton, dba Pizza Gourmet.

4. COMMITTEE MINUTES

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

Councilor Jarvi recused himself from the reappointments and stepped down from the dais.

- a. Reappointment of Jane L. Jarvi for a three-year term to the Edythe L. Dyer Library Board of Trustees.

Motion: Councilor McPike moved to reappoint Jane L. Jarvi for a three-year term to the Edythe L. Dyer Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote by roll call 6-0 with Councilor's Cubberley, Erickson, Esposito, McPike, Cormier and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor Jarvi abstaining.

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- b. Reappointment of Yvonne M. Lambert for a three-year term to the Edythe L. Dyer Library Board of Trustees.

Motion: Councilor McPike moved to reappoint Yvonne M. Lambert for a three-year term to the Edythe L. Dyer Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 6-0 with Councilor's Cubberley, Erickson, Esposito, McPike, Cormier and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor Jarvi abstaining.

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F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council award of the HVAC system bid to BASIX Automation Integrators, Inc. in the amount of \$113,950, *requested by Victor Smith, DPW Director.*

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Victor Smith, Public Works Director spoke on the process and bids received for the HVAC system.

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved Council award the HVAC system bid to BASIX Automation Integrators, Inc. in the amount of \$113,950, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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- b. Request Council authorization to unencumber the balance of office renovation funds in the amount of \$36,933.04 within the Municipal Building Reserve Account 3-702-00.

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved Council unencumber the balance of office renovation funds in the amount of \$36,933.04 from the Municipal Building Reserve Account 3-702-00, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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- c. Request Council authorization for the expenditure of \$113,950 from the Municipal Building Reserve Account 3-702-00 to pay for the HVAC replacement.

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize the expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$113,950. from the Municipal Building Reserve Account 3-702-00 to pay for the HVAC replacement, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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- d. Council award of the Summer Street stormwater project engineering to Plymouth Engineering in the amount of \$10,500, requested by Victor Smith, DPW Director.

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved Council award the Summer Street stormwater project engineering to Plymouth engineering in an amount not to exceed \$10,500., seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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- e. Request Council authorization for the expenditure of \$10,500 from the Stormwater Reserve 3-760-00 to pay for the Summer Street stormwater project.

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00 from the Stormwater Reserve 3-760-00 to pay for the Summer Street stormwater engineering, seconded by Councilor McPike.*

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Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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- f. Council authorization to receipt \$22,725 from the sale of Public Works Equipment into the Public Works Equipment Reserve Account 3-717-00.

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize receipt of \$22,725 from the sale of surplus Public Works equipment in the Public Works Equipment Reserve Account 3-717-00, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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- g. Council action on amending section 5.6 of Council Rules of Procedure.

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved to amend section 5.6 of Council Rules of Procedures as follows, amending to say no vote can be taken without a motion on the floor. Votes will be by roll call and of the form: and add a second amendment under section c replace the error Council will be excused from the dais to the Councilor will be excused from the dais, seconded by Councilor Cormier. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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- h. Consideration of the Lura Hoit Pool Mask Mandate.

Motion: *Councilor Esposito made a motion to take this item to a workshop for further discussion, seconded by Councilor Erickson. Vote by Roll Call 2-5 motion fails with Councilor's Erickson and Esposito voting in the affirmative and Councilor's Cubberley, Jarvi, McPike, Cormier and Mayor Wright voting in opposition to.*

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Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved Council approve the Lura Hoit Pool Mask Mandate Policy as written, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 4-3 with Councilor's Cubberley, Jarvi, McPike and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor's Erickson, Esposito and Cormier voting in opposition to.*

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I. MANAGER'S REPORT

First, I just want to state that, as a reminder, the tax due date is on Wednesday, and we've seen a lot of people coming out already paying their taxes prior to the due date. I want to remind the public that anyone wishing to not have to stand in line may either

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drop their check into the dropbox out front or may wish to pay online. We do accept online payments. I also want to report that we have all been contacted recently, I believe by a gentleman from town named Eric Ellingwood, who is interested in doing some work on some of our recreational trails and looking to get volunteers and I believe that he has contacted Counselor Cubberley recently as well as myself and other's. We are going to be referring that to a future workshop. The October workshop unfortunately is pretty full. It's going to be a big night that night, I think. So we're looking at referring that to the November workshop. I also want to, I'm going to put Councilor Jarvi on the spot a little bit, I just want to inform the Town Council and the public, that Councilor Jarvi's brother has recently donated a large amount of paramedic supplies and equipment because he retired from the industry. And it's out of state and in order for us to get it here we did contract with the UPS hauling service and they're going to be delivering it to Bangor on Wednesday. This is 1000s and 1000s of dollars of paramedic and EMF supplies that were donated to us by Councilor Jarvi's brother, and all it cost us was a little over \$2500 to get it here. So, it was a huge, huge donation to the Town and it will go a long way in promoting our program and I just wanted to say thank you from the Town of Hampden.

J. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Cubberley – No comment.

Councilor Erickson – No comment.

Councilor Esposito – No comment.

Councilor Jarvi -The rainfall event of September 26 was unprecedented and quite probably historic. I commend our Public Works Department for their professional and timely response to the numerous challenges created by the flooding throughout Hampden. To the impacted residents we hear your concerns and as a Council and Town Staff we will be studying how best to address the challenges created by these acts of nature. In the interim, I would remind the public we have an approved stormwater management plan prepared by Stillwater Environmental Engineering and our active MS4 permit describes permit coverage and limitations, definitions, authorization and notice requirements, stormwater program management plan requirements and standard conditions for municipalities transportation MS4 and state federally owned MS4's. A copy of our 2022 MS4 permit application can be found on our website. The public can also provide comments by clicking on the MS4 public comment link on our homepage. Finally, tonight's HVAC decision brings us very close to completing this project. I believe a great capstone to this project would be to do something with the significant wall space behind the staff area in the main office. To this end, I would request our town manager and staff investigate whether the Hamden Academy art class students would be amenable to painting a wall mural collage of significant Hamden historical structures in that wall space. I would propose that students submit draft drawings and the final design be selected by Council and staff, or a vote of Hampden residents, possibly with the winner receiving a gift certificate, and then painted onto that wall space by students from the art class. I personally am willing to help defray the cost of materials to complete this project and would challenge my fellow Councilor's to contribute to cover material costs as well. I would hope we

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could conclude this art mural project by May of 2022. Thank you and good night Hampden.

Councilor McPike - Thank you to your brother, Eric. That's very generous indeed for someone to do that and much appreciated and I'm sure there was little shove from you that helped. I'd also like to thank you, I think it's Frank Coombs and whoever works with Frank for the garden, at the Canaan, Patterson and Meadow Road, suicide corner there that comes together so nicely, driving out there it's in beautiful shape right now. And they've really done a fantastic job with that. And all out of their own pocket, I believe. I don't think there's any help. Plus, I believe I have to thank the town probably for doing the mowing and the trimming, because I think they probably do. So, it's really nice if you go out that way to see that. And it's nice to see that the residents of Town of Hampden are willing to do something like that. It's much appreciated.

Councilor Cormier – *No comment.*

Mayor Wright – *No comment.*

K. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk*

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